

1915.

- †Bartlett, S. M., Dane Lodge, E. Farleigh, Kent.
 *Bennett, M., 3, Upper Belgrave Road, Clifton, Bristol; c/o Lady Kathleen Villiers, Pettypool, Sandyway, Hartford, Cheshire.
 *Brooke-Gwynne, J. C., Neston Vicarage, Neston, Chester.
 *Devonshire, A. P. V., El Ma'adi, Cairo.
 *Fletcher, V. K., Docking Vicarage, King's Lynn, Norfolk.
 *Haggard, A., Day's Watering, Ditchingham, Norfolk; c/o Mrs. McBryde, The Woodlands, Hereford.
 *Hickson, E. P., Oldfeld, Swanage, Dorset; c/o Mrs. Whitwell, Nanny Brow, Brathay, Ambleside.
 *Hussey, A. A., The Bank House, Gillingham, Dorset; c/o Mrs. Fry, Stoke Lodge, Stoke Bishop, Bristol.
 *Jameson, M. P., Parkside, Sidcup, Kent.
 Maffett, D., Greenholme, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Yorks.
 *Purves, G. M., Castle Terrace, Berwick-upon-Tweed; c/o W. Green, Esq., Huntley, Bishop's Teignmouth, S. Devon.
 †*Stoddart, J. R., Fishergate, York.
 *Taylor, M. P., Belle Vue, Colinton, N.B.; c/o Mrs. Blackburn, Toothill, Brighouse, Yorks.
 †*Vince, H. E., Drove Road, Swindon.
 *Walker, F. L., The Cottage, Osgathorpe, near Loughborough; c/o Mrs. James, Knells, Carlisle.
 *Wilson, M. C., Tattykeel East, Omagh, Co. Tyrone.
 †Wimbush, V. S., Ganarew, N. Finchley, London.

* Member of the Ambleside Old Students' Association.

† Not leaving Ambleside till Easter, 1916.

BIRTHS.

- BRITTLEBANK.—On January 21st, at 46, St. Helen's Road, Ormskirk, Lancs., the wife (née Maud Evelyn Davis) of J. W. F. Brittlebank, Major, A.V.C., of a daughter.
 EVANS.—On December 4th, at St. Charles, Illinois, U.S.A., the wife (née L. A. Bell) of Owen T. Evans, of a daughter (Margaret Louise).
 RIPLEY.—On December 7th, at Kalimpong, Bengal, India, the wife (née Lucy Beatty) of Thornton Ripley, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BANNERMAN—WINTER.—On October 27th, 1915, at the British Consulate, Palermo, and afterwards at the English Church, by Rev. Canon Skeggs, Alfred Joosey Bannerman, of Marsala, Sicily, son of the late Rev. E. Bannerman, rector of Crosscraze, Westmorland, to Eveline Frances Arundell, daughter of the late Major John Arundell Winter, N.S.Y. Cavalry, formerly 70th Regt., of Watts House, Bishops Lydiard, Somerset, and of Mrs. Winter.

DEATH.

PRINGLE.—On Saturday, September 25th, when leading his men in the assault on Hill 70, Captain A. S. Pringle, 10th Scottish Rifles (Cameronians), dearly-loved husband of Ida Pringle (née Fischer).

NOTICES, ETC.

The Editor wishes to thank Miss Feiling for her kind help with the Address List, and also the thirty-three students who sent their addresses in response to the request in the last number of L'UMILE PIANTA.

The following students are "lost," and any information as to their whereabouts would be gratefully accepted: E. O'Brien (1893), A. E. Martin (believed to be married), Margaret James, Mrs. Siordet (née Fletcher), J. Hollings (all 1894), M. L. Seebohm, Mrs. Northcote (née E. G. Dixon) (both 1895), L. E. Beddow (1897), E. Bevis, Mrs Marshall (née R. Graves) (both 1898), Ruby Williams (1901) who is known to be working as a gardener in Kew Gardens, and E. M. Brookes (1903), last heard of in Calgary, Canada.

Miss A. S. Kelsey (1893) and Mrs. Singlehurst (née J. Murray, 1908) wish to have their names omitted from the List.

No news has been heard of Miss C. C. Monro (1906) since August, 1914. Rumours have been received that all the missionaries (41) in G.E. Africa were removed from their posts and taken away somewhere in the hills, but nothing definite is known, and it is impossible to communicate with them. Miss Monro's mother has very kindly promised to let us know when any further news is forthcoming.

Miss M. A. H. Whitfeld (1914) is now working in the Bank of England; Miss de Montmorency (1893) is Secretary of the Formby Ladies' Golf Club and has also two officers of the Mersey School of Instruction, Freshfield, billeted on her; Miss G. M. Bradley (1900) is busy with war work, and has no post in consequence; Miss Rosa Hart (1908) has left her post *pro tem.* and is now a military nurse at The European Hospital, Nairobi; Miss Morony (1897) is also nursing; she is at the Military Hospital, Devonport; Miss W. Tibbits (1903) is nursing at the Military Hospital, Bagthorpe, and another nurse is Miss Channing-Pearce (1910), who is at Woolwich. Miss M. L. Wilson (1902) is a lady almoner and also helps Mrs. Esslemont (1902) with her "Women Patrol" work; Miss M. J. Wooler (1902) is working as a gardener with her sister. Miss Oliver (1906) and Miss H. Viney (1914) are both, I believe, being trained as hospital nurses. Miss Dismorr (1902) is in Cannes, doing hospital work, but of willing labourers there are many, and her work consists chiefly in darning and mending for the wounded. Miss C. Fraser (1902) has been in a canteen in France, and was, a few months ago, returning to France after a short rest at home.

The next number of L'UMILE PIANTA will appear on May 15th. All communications must reach the Editor (Fredville, near Dover) by April 20th.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

		Received.		
		£	s.	d.
Balance from 1914	...	5	7	1
225 Subscriptions at 3/6...	...	39	7	6
Ties sold	...	1	15	6
13 Badges at 3/6...	...	2	5	6
20 P.U.S. Badges at 3d.	...	0	5	0
1 Subscription at 21s.	...	1	1	0
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		Paid Away.		
		£	s.	d.
1915.				
Jan.	Postage	0	15	0
	Wrappers	0	11	6
	Garden City Press...	5	9	3
Feb.	Stationery	0	1	0
	Garden City Press...	5	0	0
	Stamps	0	6	6
Mar.	For 3 Ties...	0	5	9
	Wrappers	0	11	6
April	Postage	0	5	0
May	Wrappers	0	11	6
	Garden City Press...	4	16	0
	24 Association Badges at 3/6	4	4	0
	Postage	0	6	6
July	Garden City Press...	3	10	0
	Postage	0	4	6
Aug.	Garden City Press...	5	0	0
Sept.	Postage	0	4	0
	To Miss Wix	1	0	0
Oct.	Wrappers	0	12	0
	Receipt Book, etc...	0	1	0
Nov.	Stamps	0	7	6
Dec.	Garden City Press...	4	15	6
	Wrappers	0	10	6
	Postage	0	6	6
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Balance		£50 1 7		

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SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Subscriptions for 1916 (3s. 6d.) are now due, and Miss Gray (3, St. David's Avenue, Bexhill, Sussex) will be glad to receive them as soon as possible. There are still some students who have not yet sent theirs for 1915; one or two who have not even sent theirs for 1914!

STUDENTS' MEETINGS.

November 6th, 1915.—Nine of us had congregated at 27, Craven Road, and were holding sundry little "confabs," when the door opened and in walked Miss Kathleen Clendinnen. "I've come straight from Ambleside," was her introduction, "and just arrived at Euston," and with that magic word all side issues of conversation ceased while we showered numerous questions and inquiries upon our welcome visitor. "Was it raining?" said an eager voice—perhaps she was formerly "weather monitress," and her thoughts reverted to the rain-gauge! No; it was a bright frosty morning, and we all left Ambleside again, by that early morning coach for Windermere, as Miss Clendinnen told us of her journey and what she had left. We were, of course, delighted to hear that Miss Mason was well, and felt specially privileged in being able to get such first-hand news of her. The students and schoolchildren had been celebrating Hallowe'en, but lest we should forget the other side of life at Scale How, we were reminded of the Inspector's visit and Final Crits. which were also in full swing.

Those who might have been present at our meeting and were not, will wish they had been. Let them learn a lesson and come to the next one. We were not little nigger boys, though we were ten: Misses Bernau, Claxton, K. Clendinnen, Conder, Flewker, Harvey, MacSheey, J. R. Smith, Thomasset and Young.

December 4th, 1915.—The December meeting was only a small one and a short one also, as Mrs. Franklin had kindly invited any students who liked to do so, to go on to 50, Porchester Terrace, as she had some copies of a certain Year Book to give away. Three students had some time to spare so they went, and the others wended their different ways after the usual enjoyable tea and talk.

Those present were: Mrs. Tovey, Misses Conder, Chaplin, Claxton, Evans, Faunce, Stubbs and Young.

January 8th, 1916.—This meeting, the first in the new year, proved one of the most successful that has ever been held, and many students said that they had never enjoyed a meeting so much before. It certainly was very delightful to find such an enthusiastic company gathered together (there were 24 there in all), and we were specially favoured in having Miss Elsie Kitching, Miss Drury and Miss Parish with us—a treat we rather look for at the January meeting, but one that does not always come about. Miss Faunce and Miss Evans were both out of town, but they sent a telegram of good wishes which it was nice to have. It would be rather nice if students did this a little more often, just to show that they are bearing the meeting in mind, even though they cannot be there in the flesh. It would be quite superfluous to say that we talked! Whenever is there an absence of talk when students meet—if only in twos and threes?—and when there are 24 gathered together of all "sorts and conditions"—young and old—why, no words of mine could do justice to the occasion. We missed many familiar faces which we had hoped to see, but to make up for them there were many fresh ones, and we were a very happy party. And then we sat and listened to Miss Parish's account of her visit to various Council schools in London and to elementary schools in the Bradford district of Yorkshire, where splendid work is being done by teachers who are imbued with Miss Mason's principles and

who have already succeeded in implanting the real P.U.S. atmosphere during the two years they have been working in the P.U.S. Mrs. Steinthal held an evening art class in Bradford and so got into touch with the elementary teachers and with the inspectors, and she finally persuaded them to try Miss Mason's methods, and the results seem to have exceeded all expectations; the teachers themselves confess to feeling fresher, and the children themselves are hardly to be recognized. There are, of course, many difficulties to be overcome; the authorities are not yet willing to provide all the books, but where there's a will, there's a way, and Miss Parish told us a delightful story of the master and boys of a school near Skipton, who borrowed *Our Island Story* from the library two separate times, and between them they copied out the whole of the book, so that they should have their own copy! Surely such enthusiasm should bring its own reward. I believe I am right in saying that this particular master was so successful that he has been made an inspector, a most unusual promotion for an elementary school teacher. To return to the Council Schools in London. If only all students could have the pleasure of hearing Miss Parish's racy and clever description of many of the things she saw there! We simply sat and listened with all our ears, and were at one moment laughing at the humour and at the next feeling touched by the pathos. There was one story I must relate. Miss Parish was watching the children at their games in playtime and noticed one poor forlorn mite wandering up and down, up and down all by herself, and so she asked her what she was doing. So she said, "I dawdled coming to school, so I've got to dawdle all playtime!" Verily a punishment to fit the crime.

Much really good work is being done against fearful odds. Two teachers, working the very poorest parts, have taught the children to dance in a wonderful way, one class doing most intricate Morris dancing in the most impossible of foot-

gear, and the other dancing in bare feet. Much time seems to be given to singing and to drill, and the teaching of French on the phonetic system seems to meet with excellent results. In one school Miss Parish was asked to give parts of lessons; in others she was simply an onlooker. It was interesting to hear about the "Central Schools" that were started as an experiment a few years ago. The idea was that children could go to these from the elementary schools from the age of eleven and stay till fifteen or sixteen, and follow up any particular line of study they liked. But they have not exactly done what they set out to do. Children are not obliged to be at school after fourteen, and the result is that most that go to these Central Schools from eleven to fourteen are "specializing" during that time, and really leave with less general knowledge than if they had remained in the elementary schools. I hope Miss Parish will forgive me if this is not quite right; I felt as if I should have liked to have listened to all she said over again. I am afraid this is dreadfully matter-of-fact, but I can't attempt to recount any of the lovely little stories we listened to with such pleasure. Perhaps students who heard them will recount them for the benefit of those who did not when opportunity offers. Miss Parish was given a very hearty clap when she had finished, and then the talk began again to the accompaniment of tea, and about 5 o'clock students gradually cleared off until the room got empty—stacks of empty cups, many empty plates and a saucerful of sixpences alone bearing witness to a particularly delightful afternoon.

The following students were present: Mrs. Esslemont, Mrs. Hall, Misses Aldridge, Britten, Brown, Chaplin, Cooke, Claxton, Davidson, Drury, Fountain, Gray, A. M. Henderson, Kember, E. Kitching, W. Kitching, Lobjoit, Miller, Parish, Pennethorne, S. Smyth, D. Smyth, Truman, and Young.

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